

*Amendments to the Specification*

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following amended

Abstract:

A microstructured filter ~~for a fluid, the filter~~ having an inlet for unfiltered fluid; ~~and an outlet for filtered fluid; the filter comprising:~~ a plurality of projections which are arranged in at least two rows in mutually juxtaposed relationship, ~~and which~~ project out of a base plate and ~~which~~ are an integral component of the base plate; ~~[[,]]~~ a plurality of passages between the projections and a cover plate which is securable to the base plate to cover the projections and the passages. ~~[[the]]~~ The passages form a plurality of through paths from the inlet to the outlet. ~~-, said~~ The inlet comprises includes an elongate inlet slot for the unfiltered fluid, ~~which~~ that extends over approximately the entire filter width and ~~which~~ is approximately as high as the projection ~~projecting out of the base plate,~~ on the outlet side of the filter. ~~The filter according to the invention remains operational, even if a part of the filter area is obstructed. The filter is used for example in an atomizer with which an aerosol is produced from a fluid which contains a medicament.~~